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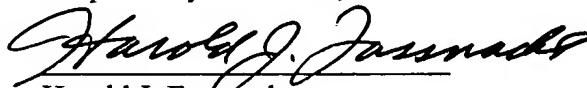
Japanese Patent No. JP 07041075 A2 discloses a multiple component base for a washing machine consisting mainly of corrugated cardboard. The base comprises a tray 9 and folded corrugated cardboard supports 10 and 11 which intersect each other and prevent the washing machine from "swinging." The tray 9 is similar to that of the present invention, but the '075 patent does not disclose a pyramid shaped corrugated member.

Japanese Patent No. JP 09315483 A2 discloses a packaging base for a washing machine comprising a tray 2 on which the washer housing is loaded and a centrally disposed grid-shaped supporting base 3 (Fig. 1). A bracket-like "fixing utensil" 50 sits within the supporting base 3 to secure the tub.

Japanese Patent No. JP 10236573 A2 discloses a base stand for a washing machine comprising a flat bottom board 1 and a cylinder 3. The bottom board 1 has a plurality of tongue shaped pieces 6 arranged in a circle. The base 1 is inserted into a tray, and the cylinder is affixed to the bottom board 1 by gluing the tongue shaped pieces 6 to its periphery as shown in Figures 3 and 7. An optional receiving stand 10 may be disposed within the cylinder (Fig. 3). By inserting the movable part of the washer into the cylinder 3 and supporting it on the receiving stand, the part can be protected from shaking and vibration. The patent indicates that the base is made without using polystyrene foam. However, the patent does not disclose a pyramid shaped member for securing the movable part of a washer.

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Respectfully submitted,



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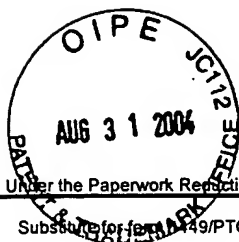
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